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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Affordable broadband internet access is essential to my ability to work effectively from home. For years I paid \$100+ month for slow, unreliable cable service from Comcast. Then I paid slightly less for slow, unreliable DSL service from AT+T. Both Comcast and AT&T promised that network upgrades would be coming "soon", but they never did. And then Sonic came on the scene. First providing cheaper, reliable cable broadband, and now even cheaper, faster fiber optic service. This is how capitalism, competition, and a free market are supposed to work. Companies investing in a better product that results works for the benefit of the consumer.

But it only works if there is competition. We need more companies, not fewer. We need a regulatory environment that eliminates monopolistic powers.

Please reform the rules that allow entrenched players to charge exorbitant rates for shoddy service. They can only do this because the regulations let them (by keeping new entrants out).

Sincerely,

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